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RE: Attorney Docket No. HSI920030185US1; Serial No.: 10/663,873; Filed: September 16, 2003; Inventor: Jacey Robert Beaucage, et al.

Dear Examiner Rachuba:

Attached please find Amendment A regarding the above-referenced case. Please give me a call if you have any questions at (512) 542-2135.

Sincerely,

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **JACEY ROBERT  
BEAUCAGE ET AL.**

Serial No.: **10/663,873**

Filed: **16 SEPTEMBER 2003**

For: **SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR  
PREDICTING PLATE LAPPING  
PROPERTIES TO IMPROVE SLIDER  
FABRICATION YIELD**

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Attorney Docket No. **HSJ920030185US1**

Examiner: **MAURINA T. RACHUBA**

Art Unit: **3723**

**AMENDMENT A UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2004, with a shortened statutory period ending November 5, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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